

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, MOPS, NA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TERRORIST ATTACKS REPORTEDLY DIMINISH

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, JULY 1, MAJOR GENERAL J. GELDENHUYS, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, SWA COMMAND, TOLD REPORTERS THAT THERE WERE 27 INCIDENTS IN THE OPERATION AREA DURING THE 56-DAY PERIOD SINCE THE MAY 4 SOUTH AFRICAN RAID INTO ANGOLA. GELDENHUYS REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THIS AS A "DRASTIC REDUCTION".
  2. GELDENHUYS ALSO SHOWED REPORTERS DOCUMENTS, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, AND PICTURES DEVELOPED FROM COLORED FILM TAKEN
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FROM A CAMERA SEIZED AT CASSINGA. THE GENERAL SAID THE FILMS SHOWED THE CASSINGA WAS A MILITARY AND NOT A REFUGEE CAMP. GELDENHUYS SAID THAT THE DOCUMENTS REVEALED A "VERY HIGH LEVEL" OF RUSSIAN AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA WITH SWAPO.

3. GELDENHUYS REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT SOVIET-BACKED

ACTION COULD RESULT IN THE LOW PROFILE GUERRILLA WAR IN NAMIBIA EVENTUALLY TAKING ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FULL CONVENTIONAL WARFARE.

4. IN REACTION TO GELDENHUYS COMMENTS, JAPPIE BASSON, CHIEF OPPOSITION FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN, WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS OVER THE WEEKEND AS SAYING "THAT IN THE FACE OF THIS THREAT TO OUR SURVIVAL, THE GOVERNMENT PERSISTS IN TAKING A SHALLOW VIEW OF THE WESTERN POSITION IN AFRICA AND AN EXAGGERATED VIEW OF OWN POTENTIAL. BASSON CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION WITH THE WESTERN POWERS ON SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE.

5. COMMENT: THE SADF CONSIDERS THE CAPRIVI STRIP THE MOST LIKELY TARGET OF ANY MAJOR SWAPO EFFORT IN THE NEAR TERM. JUDGING BY PRESS REPORTS, GELDENHUYS MADE NO REPORTED REMARKS ON TENSION IN THE CAPRIVI STRIP, NOR DID HE CITE ANY RECENT INCIDENTS THERE. EDMONDSON

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